

Increasing cloudiness to-day; to-morrow, generally fair.

## SECRET PAPERS MISSING FROM NAVAL COLLEGE

Departure of Japanese Servants Excites Suspicion.

### THEFT IS SUPPRESSED

Mob in Colorado Attacks a Japanese Home.

Owner of the House Is a Labor Contractor and a Graduate of Harvard—No Reason Assigned for the Assault Except Race Antipathy. No Arrests Made by Authorities of the Colorado Town.

The theft of a secret document from the Naval War College at Newport, together with the simultaneous disappearance of two Japanese servants, is reported.

In Greeley, Colo., a mob attacked the residence of a Japanese without any apparent reason except race antipathy.

Gen. Miles, commenting on the Japanese war talk, does not believe a conflict will occur, but says that our Pacific island possessions are a source of weakness to the United States.

### SECRET DOCUMENT MISSING.

Newport, R. I., March 17.—That a document of relative importance to the navy, which had been worked out by officers of the Naval War College here, has been missing for a month of time, is known locally in naval circles. Efforts are being made to locate it, but no success has been achieved.

Important documents are compiled at the college. Many important secrets of the navy are kept in the building, where marine sentries and large guard forces are posted. The documents are kept in a room which is closed down with sentries on guard, just as was done three summers ago when President Roosevelt addressed the college staff, the officers attending the meeting, and other dignitaries of the navy from Washington and elsewhere.

It is known that there were two Japanese employed as servants at the college. The officers attached to the institution, but both Japanese have left.

### Japanese Home Attacked.

Greeley, Colo., March 17.—Every window in the house of George Ikeda, a Japanese residing in this city, was smashed late last night when a mob of men and boys, armed with stones and bricks, attacked the home. The mob, which was composed of local residents, entered the house and searched for papers. The mob was driven off by the police, but the damage to the property was considerable.

## PACIFIC ISLANDS IS OUR WEAK POINT

Japan Could Seize Them in Their Present Condition.

Japan could easily take possession of the Pacific islands under existing conditions, Maj. Gen. Nelson A. Miles declared last night.

Gen. Miles was discussing the recent article by Count von Reventlow and its prediction of war in the not remote future between Japan and the United States. Replying to the direct question if Japan could take possession of the Pacific islands, Gen. Miles said: "Yes; they could. The Philippines, Hawaii, and Guam in their present condition are a source of weakness to us. But the instant they were seized war would begin. Its character can be judged best by the battle shown by the yellow men seven or eight years ago and what we know the American soldier is."

Gen. Miles is not, however, among those who believe that Japan will go to war with the United States. "There is no earthly or sane reason," he said, "for Japan going to war with America. He added that if Japan attempted to land upon the Pacific Coast she would find that she had six or seven Fort Arthurs to capture instead of one."

### Mobilized in Three or Four Weeks.

"How quickly could an army be mobilized for real war?" he was asked. "In three or four weeks the United States could place an army of 1,000,000 men in the field properly equipped and effectively officered, with generals commanding them that are by no means defective in the art of war," he answered. "The nucleus would be from the regular establishment and this regular establishment is not the organization some would have the American public believe. It is

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## STEEL STANDS TO BE ERECTED AT BALL PARK

Workmen Begin Clearing Debris Away To-day.

### GOOD NEWS FOR FANS

First Game of April 12 Will Be Played Here.

Engineers on Their Way to Make Drafts of Plans, Preparatory to Beginning Reconstruction Task. Mr. Noyes Calls Meeting of Directors and Decisive Action Results—Story of the Fire.

There will rise from the ashes and ruins of the American League baseball park in this city at an early date a steel grand stand and bleachers, thus assuring to the fans of Washington that the first league game, scheduled to be played here with the Boston team on April 12, will take place.

### START OF THE FIRE.

Fire which started at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning destroyed the buildings of the ball park at Seventh street and Florida avenue and swept through the lumber yards of Eslinger Bros., the total damage running into the thousands of dollars.

Thomas C. Noyes, president of the Washington club, after presiding at a meeting of the board of directors of the club, yesterday afternoon made the gratifying announcement that no time will be lost in the erection of new and more enduring stands.

"Realizing that we could afford to lose no time in facing the situation," said Mr. Noyes last night, "I called a special meeting of the board of directors, and, without a moment's delay, we formulated a course of action. Speed was imperative, for, with a game scheduled for April 12, and with Washington fandom depending upon us, we realized that not a moment was to be lost."

### Work Begins To-day.

As a result of that meeting, forty teams and a gang of men will go to work at 7 o'clock this morning, and before the ashes are cold the work of clearing away the debris will be commenced.

Early this morning two structural steel engineers from the Osborn Steel Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, having left Cleveland in response to a telegram from Mr. Noyes, received last night, will reach Washington, and by tonight draftsmen will be at work on plans for the new grand stand and bleachers.

The stand and bleachers are to cost upward of \$25,000, and are to have a seating capacity of 15,000, more than twice as great as that of the old stands. Steel construction will be made. A Philadelphia company, which makes a portable steel and concrete seat, will probably receive a contract for a large shipment, and these will be placed on

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## FORCED TO DISROBE AND STAND IN BARE FEET

Wealthy Lady Subjected to Indignity by Customs Officers Without Cause.

New York, March 17.—For twenty minutes this morning after the liner Lusitania had been fastened to her dock, Mrs. Joseph Hull, the wife of Joseph Hull, a multimillionaire, of Savannah, Ga., and her young daughter, Elizabeth, were subjected to the most thorough search yet inflicted upon returning tourists in the crusade of the customs authorities to stamp out smuggling by the rich folk.

Mrs. Hull and her daughter were suspected of bringing in a diamond necklace, which they failed to declare. A message from Washington ordered that nothing be left undone to find it. Accordingly, when Mrs. Hull and her daughter protested to the inspectors that they had no such necklace, they were put in charge of two inspectors and taken to stateroom B 8. Here they were disrobed, even to their stockings, and compelled to stand barefooted while every stitch of their garments was searched. Their hair was disheveled and carefully examined. No diamond necklace was found, and they were finally permitted to leave. Another daughter escaped this unprecedented search only because she was ill with typhoid fever.

It developed afterward that the Treasury Department had received information from Savannah that one of the daughters had purchased a valuable diamond necklace in Paris. Instead, the diamond necklace was bought in this country five years ago. In the Hulls' baggage were nine trunks, two of which were appraised at about \$500 less than their value and sent to the appraiser's office. This, Mrs. Hull insisted, was an outrage.

The Hull family are prominent in the South. Joseph Hull is president of the Merchants' National Bank of Savannah, and a close ally of J. P. Morgan. His son Daniel is a member of the Savannah and New York cotton exchanges.

Mrs. Hull left the ship in a rage to join her husband and son on the pier. "We were taken to that stateroom," she said, "and every piece of our clothing was removed. We protested, but it was no use. Why, even our stockings were taken off. I caught a cold while standing around in my bare feet waiting for the disgraceful affair to come to an end. I don't intend to drop this matter, but I will not rest until we learn who is responsible for this humiliation. I will place the entire matter in the hands of my attorney, with orders that legal steps be taken against certain Federal employees."

Daniel Hull declared that his sister owns a diamond necklace, which she bought five years ago in Savannah, and a customs inspector got the impression that she bought it in Paris.

Collector Leach said he would make no statement until he had received an official report on the entire affair.

Fun for Young and Old.

The Geographical Puzzle in the Sunday edition of The Herald offers fun for everybody. Fifteen prizes for correct answers—each prize consists of two reserved seat tickets at Chase's. Order from your dealer to-day.

## PALACE OF DIAZ STONED BY MOB OF INSURRECTOS

Shout "Viva Madero" as They Break Windows.

### REPORT IS SUPPRESSED

Guests of the President Greatly Alarmed at Outbreak.

First Demonstration in Federal District Takes Place in Evening When Streets Are Crowded—Police Make Few Arrests, as Disturbance Scatters Quickly—Censorship Keeps Facts from Becoming Public.

San Antonio, Tex., March 17.—Authentic report of a serious demonstration against the person of President Diaz of Mexico, which took the form of the stoning of his official palace in Mexico City by a mob of insurrecto sympathizers, became public this afternoon. An American who has official connections with the United States government and who witnessed the incident himself is the one who has broken the rigorous censorship exercised at the southern capital, which has been so strong that not only has the event been kept from the press outside of Mexico, but the echo of it has only begun to penetrate by word of mouth to the northern provinces.

### POLICE TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

It may be said that there is strong likelihood that a report of the occurrence is already in the hands of the State Department at Washington. The stoning of

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## OIL KING DECLINES TO VACATE SUITE

Presidential Party Forced to Scatter as a Result.

Augusta, Ga., March 17.—The story of how John D. Rockefeller refused to give rooms of his suite in the Bon Air Hotel to accommodate President Taft came out to-day.

Mr. Rockefeller's suite consisted of twelve rooms. The hotel was crowded when President Taft asked for reservations. It was found in the more rooms were needed, after several persons had been moved to make room for the Presidential party.

The management of the hotel diplomatically suggested to Mr. Rockefeller that he give up two rooms of his apartments, but the oil king refused. Hence it was that President Taft's military aid, Capt. Archie Butt, and a Secret Service agent had to take quarters in parts of the hotel remote from the Executive.

It is said that Rockefeller has been harshly criticized for his discourtesy.

## TROUBLE AHEAD FOR DEMOCRATS IN NEXT CAUCUS

Every Indication of a Lively Session of the Majority.

### OPPOSED TO SELECTIONS

Three or Four Chairmanships Are Not Satisfactory.

Fitzgerald, Adamson, and Sulzer, Who Are Stated for Heads of Committees, Will Meet with Opposition—The Present System Does Not Seem to Lead to Harmony in Trouble Over Patronage.

Rumors of discontent concerning certain committee chairmanship selections by the Ways and Means Democrats are pointing to a big and lively row in the Democratic caucus to be held April 1. Also there is said to be pending trouble of a serious nature as to the make-up of the legislative programme and the distribution of patronage, the settlement of which may again upset the House rules.

### FITZGERALD'S APPOINTMENT.

The determination of the Ways and Means Committee to name John J. Fitzgerald as chairman of the Committee on Appropriations is said to be one of the main causes of discontent. He left yesterday for New York, after giving personal directions concerning the enlargement of his committee rooms. The caucus may spend some time thrashing out that matter, as well as other chairmanships, concerning which the sentiment of the committee on committees is held in question. Fitzgerald, as ranking Democratic member of the Committee on Appropriations, and W. C. Adamson and William Sulzer, who hold similar ranking places respectively on the Senate and Foreign Commerce and Military Affairs, are all slated for promotion to chairmanships, and the friends of their opponents are squaring off for a fight.

Already the plan of delegating the regulation of the national House to one committee, which is acting in the capacity not only of a committee selector but also as the distributor of patronage, is becoming a thorn in the side of many Democrats, and they are looking forward to the caucus of April 1 as the means of settling many pending difficulties. It is now believed that the caucus, unlike the peaceful and almost unanimous affair of last January, will develop into one of the liveliest rows ever witnessed in the Capitol.

### May Change System.

The caucus will be a court of last resort which must pass upon the programme tentatively made by the Ways and Means Committee, and that upon the outcome of the projected struggle, in the minds of the Republicans and the disaffected Democrats who believe the speaker should control, rests the fate of government by committee in the House.

Some of the critics do not disagree entirely with the Democratic plan. They believe the Ways and Means Committee should make the tariff bills, but they think that another committee should organize the House and that another body should apportion its patronage.

A feature of the patronage distribution, in the shape of a report that no committee chairman would be entitled to other than the control of the committee positions directly under him, added another fly to the ointment yesterday. This plan would result in the assignment of the lucrative clerical positions and general House jobs to the members, mostly those newly elected, who are not sufficiently prominent or influential to place the names of the prominent Democrats' assets shall not prevail if the caucus can head it off.

## DAUGHTERS GIVEN BARNEY MILLIONS

Widow, Soon to Wed, Transfers Inherited Wealth.

Paris, March 17.—Mrs. Alice P. Barney, widow of Albert Clifford Barney, the Ohio banker, has transferred to her two daughters, Natalie and Laura, the \$3,000,000 she inherited from her husband.

This step is taken. It is announced, at the request of young Christian Hemmick, of Washington, to whom Mrs. Barney is to be married in Paris the latter part of April. Hemmick, who is a son of Ronald Hemmick, former United States consul at Geneva, Switzerland, is well to do in his own right, and it is said he has been much embarrassed by the report that he was poor and was going to wed a rich woman nearly twice his age.

Friends of Mrs. Barney say she was born in 1880. Hemmick has given up his preparations for the consular service, and he and his wife will settle in Washington, where he will go into the real estate business.

Blackstone's Special Carnation Sale To-day. Choice specimens, 50c doz. 14¢ H.

## ONLY ONE CANDIDATE; BALLOT BOX STUFFED

New Orleans, March 17.—The New Orleans Parish grand jury to-day indicted the election commissioner at the Sixth precinct poll of the Third ward for election irregularities in stuffing the ballot boxes and voting men who did not vote. Other indictments in other wards for the same offense will follow.

The fraud occurred in the special election of March 7 for justice of the Supreme Court. The remarkable thing about it is that there was no opposition and only one candidate in the field, Judge W. B. Somerville.

The election commissioners, who were all Democrats, were apparently carried away by enthusiasm, or wanted to get their hands in for the approaching State and city elections.

## SEVENTY FEDERALS KILLED AT BRIDGE

Guards Surprised by Insurrectos and Shot Down.

El Paso, March 17.—One of the very interesting items from Chihuahua is that seventy federal soldiers who were guarding the Ortiz Bridge were all killed by the revolutionists, and their arms taken. Nearly all the soldiers were killed at the bridge, and those who retreated were followed to Mesquite and killed, when that town was captured a few hours after the destruction of the bridge.

With the opening of communication by Chihuahua by mail information is brought of considerable insurrecto activity in the vicinity of the state capital of Chihuahua, also the assurance that the insurrectos still surround that town and may capture it at any moment. Communication was opened just in time, as grocers had advanced all prices 25 per cent and almost all supplies had been exhausted. There was just enough coal on hand to keep manufacturing operating for a few days.

The insurrectos still threaten the city's water supply. The rebels can also cut the railroad again and shut off supplies if they wish, and if it is their real intention to starve Chihuahua into submission.

Col. Escudero and troops have reached Chihuahua from Casas Grandes, which point they left two weeks ago last Sunday, and they now make the military force in that city about 1,200.

## JUMP TO ESCAPE FIRE IN FACTORY

Men Leap from Windows and Many Are Hurt.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 17.—Fire in the plant of the Minn. Billiard Table Company late this afternoon spread so rapidly that sixty employees were forced to leap from the second and third story windows. One person is missing, and is said to be buried in the ruins. Eleven are in the Emergency Hospital, several probably fatally injured, and a dozen others were treated by doctors at their homes.

The financial loss is \$100,000. As this is the second fire the company has had in a few weeks, and as the company maintains a nonunion plant, it is believed that the first may have been due to labor trouble.

The fire started so suddenly that three men were blown out of windows, but the company deny that the explosion was of sufficient violence to have been caused by dynamite, saying it was probably the explosion of sawdust.

## DRIVERS THREATEN NEW YORK TIE-UP

Fifty Thousand Men May Go Out by This Evening.

New York, March 17.—Two thousand express drivers of the Wells-Fargo and United States companies to-day joined the strike which their fellows of other organizations have instituted—mostly in Jersey City—and declared that when their various unions meet to-morrow night a total of 50,000 men might be called out if the union's demands were not granted.

They had heard earlier in the day that Mayor Gaynor, to whom the difficulties of men and companies had been submitted, had declared that in some instances the action of men going out was brutal and criminal. They were incensed at the mayor's utterances.

Not only expressmen, but drivers of other trade vehicles are prepared to strike, it was announced by the unionists, and they said they are prepared to wage a long fight for their rights.

Business Agent J. P. McDermott, of the Wells-Fargo Company, issued the following statement: "Two thousand Wells-Fargo and United States men struck to-day. The Adams men are still out. A letter was to-day received from the Teamsters' International executive board at Indianapolis empowering General Organizer William H. Ashton, of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, to order a general strike of teamsters in case the companies do not arbitrate. If Mr. Ashton does not order a general strike we will order it over his head."

International President Daniel J. Tobin, of the Teamsters, and President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, are on their way here to confer with the strike leaders.

## THREE MANIACS MAKE AN ESCAPE FROM HOSPITAL

Criminal Insane Fugitives Are Now Sought by St. Elizabeth Guards.

## DESPERATE ASSAULT UPON KEEPERS

Cordon Formed by Guards Around Large Area, in the Hope of Apprehending the Escaped Prisoners. General Alarm Sent to Police Precincts.

Felling a guard to the floor with his fist and obtaining the keys which permitted him to unlock the doors of his cell, Thomas A. Winter, a United States prisoner at the Government Hospital for the Insane, yesterday morning engineered one of the most daring escapes ever attempted in the District of Columbia.

### WITH TWO PAIS.

Winter, with two pals, Joseph Ansley and William Hudell, all criminal insane, climbed down a rope made from bed sheets, and fled from the grounds before the guards were apprised of their act.

Thomas Neal, confined in a cell in the ward reserved for the criminal insane, fell when half-way down the rope and fractured his right leg. He was apprehended by the guards before he had time to crawl from the grounds. Another man was caught as he was climbing through a window to balance himself on the improvised rope.

That a plan had been arranged for a wholesale release of all the inmates of the ward was acknowledged last night by the physicians in attendance. In an interview with a reporter for The Washington Herald.

"We feel confident," he said, "that an arrangement had been made whereby every man would have been at liberty, and the plan was only thwarted because the men did not have time to carry out their scheme."

The hospital guards last night formed a cordon around the buildings for an area of three miles in circumference, and it is thought that the escaped men will be captured. The police of the Eleventh precinct joined in the search, and a general alarm was sent to all the police stations. The fugitives are known to be dangerous characters.

Guard Struck Down. According to the story told at the hospital, Neal, who occupied a cell in the criminal insane ward, requested a guard to bring him a glass of water. The guard went to another room, procured the water, and returned to the hallway in which Neal's cell is located.

Just as he was about to hand the glass to the prisoner, Winter, who, with several other prisoners, was allowed to be in the ward until 8 o'clock, approached him from the rear, and struck him a blow on the head with his fist. Ansley and Hudell, who were with Winter, ran to the latter's aid.

The guard dropped to the floor unconscious, and the three inmates fled his pockets. They obtained keys to the cells and doors leading from the corridor, and unlocked the grating which imprisoned Neal. Several other cells were visited by the men and the doors unlocked, but only one prisoner consented to join them in their flight.

While it is certain other inmates had consented to make their escape, and that there was a general scheme among the men, it is believed the majority lost their nerve at the last moment.

With the keys to the doors in his possession and three desperate men with him, Winter picked up the body of the unconscious guard, and unlocking the door to a dark closet, dragged the body inside and shut and locked the entrance.

He then led the way down the corridor, weapons being evenly divided between the desperadoes, until he reached the clothes room at the end of the hall. Unlocking the door, with the assistance of his pals, he knotted five sheets together, making a rope.

One end he tied to the window. The rope was then let down sixty feet to the ground. Winter swung himself from the sill with both hands, grasping the improvised means of escape and hand-over-hand descended to the ground.

Mrs. McGarry came here from Boston several months ago.

McGarry called on her yesterday, remaining only a short time. Last night he called again, and had been in the room some time before the screaming was heard.

Mrs. McGarry's extreme hysterical condition precluded the possibility of her giving any information regarding her husband's actions.

## WOMAN TAKES HER SEAT IN NORWAY PARLIAMENT

Premier Welcomes Miss Rogstad to the Storting. Many Floral Offerings Sent Her.

Christiania, March 17.—Anna Rogstad to-day took her seat in the Storting, she being the first woman in Norway to sit in Parliament. It is the custom in Norway when a member of the Storting is chosen to select a sub or understudy at the same time. Miss Rogstad is the sub for Deputy Bratlie, who was temporarily absent to-day. She is fifty-six years of age, a teacher, and sometimes identified with municipal work.

Her appearance on the floor of the chamber was the occasion of an interesting ceremony. Speaker Halvorsen welcomed her in a speech, while all the deputies stood. The speaker said that it was one of the most important days in the history of Norway. He was aware that the members were not unanimously in favor of the innovation, but he believed that posterity would regard it as a reform that would bring honor and benefit to the country.

The premier and others followed in welcoming the woman member. There was eager competition for seats in the gallery, the women especially flocking to the chamber. Hundreds were turned away. Many floral offerings were sent to Miss Rogstad, who has received shoals of telegrams from all parts of the country.

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